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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 26 TAO PRESS BRIEFING: TAIWAN'S UN
REFERENDUM, MATSU MISSILE SQUADRON, 17TH PARTY CONGRESS,

OLYMPIC TORCH, DPP CONGRESS

Summary

11. Key points at the September 26 Taiwan Affairs Office (TAO)
press briefing were:

-- The TAO expressed appreciation for U.S. opposition to
Taiwan's referendum on UN membership and its efforts to enter
the UN under the name "Taiwan."

-- Taiwan will "get burned if it plays with fire," said the
TAO spokesman when asked about reports of Taiwan military
plans to establish a missile squadron at Matsu and secretly
manufacture surface-to-surface missiles.

-- The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) will determine the
guiding ideology, general requirements and major tasks for
Taiwan work in the future at the 17th Party Congress.

-- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) decided that a
torch route through Taiwan cannot be realized. End Summary.

"Appreciation" for U.S. Opposition to UN Referendum

12. At the September 26 regular Taiwan Affairs Office (TAO)
press briefing, spokesman Li Weiyl expressed deep
appreciation for U.S. opposition, which Washington has stated
"many times," to Taiwan's attempts to "breach" the
cross-strait status quo, enter the UN under the name "Taiwan"
and holding a referendum on UN membership. In response to a
question regarding a leader "friendly" to Taiwan supposedly
referring to the "Republic of Taiwan" as an independent
country at the UN, Li said China "opposes and condemns" such
language, which violates the international community's "one
China" policy, the UN Charter and UNGA Resolution 2578.

Taiwan Missile Squadron in Matsu

13. "Don't play with fire, because if you play with fire you
will get burned," said Li when asked about reports of Taiwan
military plans to establish a missile squadron on Matsu and
secretly manufacture surface-to-surface missiles.

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17th Party Congress to Guide Taiwan Work

14. Asked if policy toward Taiwan would change at next month's
17th Party Congress, the spokesman said the CCP will address
the Taiwan situation and developing trends of Taiwan in
recent years to determine the guiding ideology, general
requirements and major tasks for Taiwan work in the future.

He added that guiding and promoting Taiwan work and advancing the development of cross-Straits relations and the peaceful reunification process are of "grand significance."

Olympic Torch Will Not Pass Through Taiwan

15. Li stated that despite the "sincerity" and "patience" of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG) and its hope that the Olympic torch would pass through to Taiwan, the Taiwan side again "unilaterally" halted discussions in September. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has thus decided that a torch route through Taiwan cannot be realized, Li said.

September 30 DPP "National Congress"

16. Li said the TAO has condemned the "so-called normal nation resolution," when asked about the possibility that the resolution would be passed at the Democratic Progressive Party's (DPP) September 30 "National Congress." Asked about a call for the referendum on UN membership to substitute for Yu Shyi-kun's call to use "Taiwan as the national title," the spokesman stated TAO's firm opposition to any "independence" and "splittist" activities.

Cross-Straits Tourism

17. The spokesman said that allowing Fujian residents to travel to Penghu and Kinmen from Xiamen on October 2 is "great news," adding that it serves to actively promote Mainland tourism to Taiwan. Li stated that the Mainland has long promoted cross-Straits tourism and charter flights and has for many years called and hoped for the removal of "political interference" and the realization of these goals

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as soon as possible, when asked about DPP presidential hopeful Frank Hsieh's promotion of cross-Straits tourism, charter flights and investment in an interview with the Straits Times.

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